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GOV. EASLEY REAPPOINTS BELL AND BUNCH AND APPOINTS PARKER TO HISTORIC MURFREESBORO COMMISSION

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has reappointed **Mack Bell** of Windsor and **Frances Lynette Bunch** of Murfreesboro and appointed **John B. Parker** of Roanoke Rapids to the Historic Murfreesboro Commission.

Bell is a columnist for the *Bertie Ledger-Advance* in Windsor and a retired foreign service officer with the U.S. Information Agency. He is a national member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a member of the North Caroliniana Society and serves on the board of directors for the Museum of the Albemarle. Bell received the Decoration of the National Order Al Merito from the Government of Ecuador in 1977, the Christopher Crittenden Memorial Award for Lifetime Preservation of N.C. History from the N.C. Literacy and Historical Association in 2004 and the LaRue Mooring Evans Award in recognition of Meritorious Volunteerism in Historic Preservation in 2005. He is a historiographer for the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina. Bell received his Bachelor's degree in journalism from UNC at Chapel Hill.

Bunch is director of the Historic Murfreesboro Association. She is also director of the N.C. Watermelon Association, co-chair of the N.C. Watermelon Festival and a trustee at Chowan University. Bunch was named Hertford County Woman of the Century in 1986, the Rowan Chowan News Herald Front Page Award in 2000 and the N.C. Watermelon Association Outstanding Service Award in 1990, 1998, and 2003. She received her Associate's degree in business from East Carolina University.

Parker is owner of John P. Parker and Associates. He is a past master of Widson's Son 519 Masonic Lodge, past president of the Roanoke Valley Shrine Club, past president of Roanoke Rapids Life Underwriters and a Benefactor of Murfreesboro Historical Association. Parker is a member of the president's cabinet with ALA Advisors in 1992 and 1993. He holds two world records in NSSA 20 gage competition. Parker received his Bachelor's in education from East Carolina University and his Master's and Educational Specialist training from East Carolina University.

The commission acquires, preserves and restores historic properties in Murfreesboro. There are 34 members on the commission, each serving a five-year term. The governor appoints 30 members. The Secretary of Cultural Resources, Mayor of Murfreesboro, Chairman of the Hertford County Commissioner and President of Chowan College also serve on the commission.

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